



LinkedIn Problems?

There have been several registrants who were unable to join our LinkedIn group for a variety of reasons. The one that seems to occur most often is that **the invitation goes directly to a junk or spam folder and therefore is never seen**. If the user has a Gmail account, the invitation goes into the Social tab which is often not seen. *There are more than 100 participants who have been invited, but have not yet accepted!*

Unfortunately, LinkedIn does not allow for a second invitation to be sent. If you cannot find your initial invitation, please connect with Job Fair Coordinator Debra Moore Thompson via LinkedIn and from that connection, ask to join the GO-TO Job Fair group. You may also email gotojobfair@gmail.com for further guidance.

Another problem that occurs with the invitation process is that clicking on the **Accept** button is not enough to actually connect you to the group. You must continue on to the page that contains the actual invitation rather than just accepting. Once you accept, you will be taken to a page where you click the **Join** button and you will then be part of the group.

Employers want to see your profiles, so please attempt to accept your LinkedIn invitation!

How to Participate in the GO-TO Job Fair

In-person participants may arrive at the Foreign Service Institute between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please allocate 20-30 minutes to clear security. Next week you will receive an email with directions, parking fee information, required identification, and a campus map with directional

Teleworking

We have received many inquiries on the LinkedIn group about teleworking. There are many teleworking opportunities available, but there are also many scams. According to one of our participants, there is a good Mashable article on telecommuting entitled, [Coming to a Couch Near You: a New Wave of Telecommuting](#).

Another frequently recommended Internet resource on telecommuting is the [Rat Race Rebellion](#), published by Staff Centrix. If you view this site weekly, you will learn of a minimum of 20 new positions each week. In addition to this information, there are articles and resources to assist you with locating and landing telework positions.

219Design is the only GO-TO Job Fair employer advertising telework positions.



Employment Tools for Foreign Service Life

Calling all in-person GO-TO Job Fair participants! Being prepared is the most valuable thing you can do to make a great

arrows. The campus will also be well marked with directional signs.

Virtual participants, be sure to submit your Skype appointment requests to gotojobfair@gmail.com no later than Monday, 5:00 p.m. EDT. On Tuesday or Wednesday, you will receive your scheduled times with your selected employers. We do not have enough Skype connections for every participant to speak to more than two employers. Therefore, your third and fourth choice employers will be given lists of your name and contact information, including your Skype username.

One final note: we will have computers, a printer, and charging stations available for your use at the Job Fair location. You will be allowed to use USB flashdrives in these computers, or you can email your resume to yourself and access it through these provided computers. Our career counselors on duty may have some very helpful recommendations to make your resume more powerful.

Bring along your chargers for any electronic devices you plan to bring as we will have powerstrips available for you to use!

first impression. On Friday, May 2, you are going to need to be at your best!

The recruiters participating in GO-TO Job Fair are experienced and have met thousands of job seekers. If you want to stand out among those thousands you must be prepared. The [Employment Tools for Foreign Service Life](#) course is an easy way to learn how to present your resume, elevator speech, and follow-up communications. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to make the best first impression!

To [register for this course](#), please follow registration instructions for tuition-based courses. For questions regarding this class, please email FSITCTraining@state.gov.